

REMARKS

At the time the official action was mailed, claims 1, 3-17, 19-33 and 35-63 were pending in the present application. In the official action, the Examiner allowed claims 1, 3-17 and 19-32 and rejected claims 33 and 35-63. Based on the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants have chosen to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, claims 3 and 35-63 have been canceled for inclusion in a continuing application. However, it should be noted that Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's rejection of claims 33 and 35-63.

Conclusion

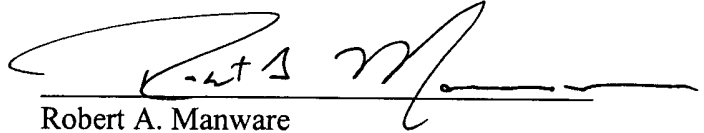
In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully accept allowance of claims 1, 3-17 and 19-32. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application towards issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

General Authorization for Extensions of Time

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby provide a general authorization to treat this and any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Furthermore, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the appropriate fee for any extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-3092; Order No. MICS:0038 (99-0525).

Respectfully submitted,

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